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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others that employees injured due to willful misconduct not receive any portion of compensation benefits. Labor and Workforce Development.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Poirier
Mary S. Rogeness	Karyn E. Polito
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Susan Williams Gifford
John A. Lepper	Richard J. Ross
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	Jeffrey Davis Perry
Paul K. Frost	Paul J. P. Loscocco
Bradford Hill	Donald F. Humason, Jr.
Robert S. Hargraves	

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO FAIRNESS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1      Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
- 2      Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 27 in its
- 3      entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:—
- 4      Section 27. If the employee is injured by reason of his serious
- 5      willful misconduct, including intoxication or unlawful use of a
- 6      controlled substance, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C, he shall
- 7      not receive any portion of the compensation benefit; provided, that
- 8      this provision shall not bar compensation or benefits to his or her
- 9      dependents if the injury results in death.